AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for positioning several sheets in a stapler ~~(200)~~, the device comprising: ~~having~~

_____a holder adapted to be fastened to the stapler; ~~(101),~~

_____a paper stop ~~(111), which is~~ retained by the holder; ~~(101),~~ and

_____an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop ~~(111), characterized in that the holder (101) can be fitted on the stapler (200), and in that the adjusting mechanism is designed such that the paper stop (111) can be adjusted~~ in relation to the holder ~~(101)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the adjusting mechanism comprises a latching mechanism for latching a plurality of predetermined latching positions between the paper stop ~~(111)~~ and the holder ~~(101)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the latching mechanism is formed by a resilient pressure-exerting component ~~(110)~~ on the holder ~~(101)~~ and a plurality of corresponding apertures ~~(115, 116, 117)~~ along the paper stop ~~(111)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, wherein ~~characterized by~~ the adjusting mechanism allows ~~being designed so as to allow~~ optional adjustments of an angle between a border of a sheet positioned against the paper stop ~~(111)~~ and a stapling produced by the stapler ~~(200)~~, with a predetermined distance between the stapling and the sheet border.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the paper stop includes ~~(111) comprises the following~~:

a) an angular part ~~(112)~~ in the form of a segment of a circle;

b) a fastening arm ~~(113)~~, which extends radially inward in the plane of the angular part ~~(112)~~ from an angle bisector of the angular part ~~(112)~~ and which, at a center point of the circle, comprises means ~~(114)~~ for fastening the paper stop ~~(111)~~ in a rotatable manner on the holder ~~(101)~~; and

c) two stop components ~~(120, 121), which are~~ arranged at ends of the angular part ~~(112)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ latching elements ~~(115, 116, 117)~~ are arranged on the angular part ~~(112)~~ such that the angle between the stapling and the sheet border can be latched in at 0°, 45° and 90°.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the angular part ~~(112)~~ is designed such that the segment of the circle extends over an angle of 210°-270°.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the stop components ~~(120, 121)~~ extend vertically upward in a column-like manner from the angular part ~~(112)~~ and, on the paper side, are flattened for the purpose of guiding the sheets.

9. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized by~~ the holder is detachably fastened to the ~~(101) being designed such that it can be fastened on a conventional~~ stapler ~~(200)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the holder ~~(101)~~ has a clamping element ~~(104, 105)~~ for fastening the device ~~(100)~~ on the ~~conventional~~ stapler ~~(200)~~.

11. (New) A stapling apparatus, comprising:

a stapler for stapling paper sheets; and

a device for positioning several sheets in the stapler, the device having a holder adapted to be fastened on the stapler, a paper stop retained by the holder, and an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder.

12. (New) A device for positioning several sheets in a stapler, comprising:

a holder, which can be fitted on the stapler;

a paper stop retained by the holder; and

an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder,

wherein the adjusting mechanism allows optional adjustments of an angle between a border of a sheet positioned against the paper stop and a stapling produced by the stapler, with a predetermined distance between the stapling and the sheet border.

13. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the paper stop includes:

a) an angular part in the form of a segment of a circle;

b) a fastening arm, which extends radially inward in the plane of the angular part from an angle bisector of the angular part and which, at a center point of the circle, comprises means for fastening the paper stop in a rotatable manner on the holder; and

c) two stop components arranged at ends of the angular part.

14. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein latching elements are arranged on the angular part such that the angle between the stapling and the sheet border can be latched in at 0°, 45° and 90°.

15. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the angular part is designed such that the segment of the circle extends over an angle of 210°-270°.

16. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the stop components extend vertically upward in a column-like manner from the angular part and, on the paper side, are flattened for the purpose of guiding the sheets.